IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints and lack of commercial justification.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal for reconstruction of platform at Mainpuri Railway Station. Further, six toilets have been provided at Mainpuri Station which are maintained by the cleaning staff of Railways. All efforts are made to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

Concession in rail fares

†1045. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aged people to whom concession in Rail fare was provided during last three years;

(b) the loss occurred to the Railways due to this concession during the said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that such concession in fare is not given to these in ordinary trains;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to give concessions to the aged people in ordinary trains also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (b) The overall data on number of Senior Citizens/aged people availing concession and the loss on account of concessions is not being maintained. However, in the case of reserved tickets issued through the computerised Passenger Reservation System during the year 2000-2001, an approximately 3.1 crores of Senior Citizens

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availed of this concession and the loss of revenue to the Railways on this account was approximately Rs. 113.6 crores.

(c) and (d) In all cases, including Senior Citizens, concession is admissible in "Mail/Express" fares irrespective of whether the passenger travels in Mail or Express or Passenger train. Concession is not admissible in "Ordinary" fares applicable to Passenger trains as these fares are already highly subsidised.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

New platform at Bhopal Station

†1046. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct platform no. 6 at Bhopal railway station;

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government so far to implement this proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction of said platform is being unnecessarily delayed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) by when, construction of said platform has been decided by Government to be started for the convenience of passengers; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Demand of additional platform is not felt as 5 platforms

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